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HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT GILLESPIE FIELD MAY 16-17

Free two-day show will feature vintage aircraft, classic cars and antique tractors

The public is invited to a free Vintage Aircraft Fly-In and Classic Car Show at Gillespie Field May 16 and 17. In addition to 1920s- to 1950s-era aircraft, classic cars including Model-A and Model-T Fords, as well as antique tractors will be on display

Some of the award-winning planes from the early days of aviation include a 1930 Stearman 4E Speedmail, one of only a half dozen remaining and formerly used to deliver mail; the last remaining 1931 Laird LBC 300; and the late Steve McQueen's 1945 Boeing Stearman bi-plane.

Visitors to the show can also see one of the two remaining 1926 Boeing FB-5 Navy Fighters (the other is on display in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum) that made its maiden flight off the carrier Langley, and a 1928 Boeing 40C Mail and Passenger plane - the oldest Boeing airliner flying today that was found crashed on a mountain in Washington and meticulously restored over an eight-year period.

Some of the planes will be flying during the show to add to the excitement. An aviation swap meet will also be held during the two-day event. Food and drink will be available.

"We're very excited these 50 or so vintage aircraft, along with the classic cars and tractors, will be at Gillespie Field," said Peter Drinkwater, County director of airports. "This is a great opportunity for the younger generation to step back in time to see the early cars and planes of the 20th century. And it's a chance for some of the older folks to reminisce just a bit. It's a spectacular event and it's free."

Gillespie Field is located at 2200 North Marshall Avenue in El Cajon. Free parking is available at the Gillespie Field Trolley Station. The public can also ride the Orange line of the trolley and get off at the Gillespie Field stop, then just walk across Marshall Avenue to the free event.

For more information call Gillespie Field at (619) 956-4800 or Michael Drake, County of San Diego DPW public affairs officer at (858) 495-5736.

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